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Site of Ford pic has bad rap for drugs: Residents

Windsor Road. Photo of mayor with Anthony Smith was snapped in front of Etobicoke home

The house where Mayor Rob Ford was photographed with murder victim Anthony Smith and another shooting victim is notorious for drug problems, according to people living in the area.

Police frequently visit the house in response to calls from concerned neighbours, with the most recent visit coming shortly after news broke almost three weeks ago of a video that appears to show the mayor smoking crack cocaine. Several police cars showed up at 15 Windsor Rd. early one morning within days of the first stories about the video, according to neighbours.

The image of Ford with three young men in front of the house is not part of the video. It was provided to the Torstar News Service by a man who later showed the video to two reporters. Ford has denied the video's existence and says he does not use crack cocaine.

Torstar's ongoing investigation has determined that the photograph of Ford posing with Smith and two other young men was taken in front of the garage at 15 Windsor Rd. in northern Etobicoke.

The rundown bungalow is on a pleasant street of well-kept homes a short distance from the Dixon Road apartment building near where Torstar viewed the 90-second video.

Rob Ford
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Quoted

"Rob Ford's the greatest mayor ever. You guys are scavengers. You come back to my house, I'll call the police."

Elena Basso, a resident of 15 Windsor Rd.

Toronto police Det. Rob Gallant, who was investigating a shooting in the Dixon Road building on May 21, is also investigating an incident at 15 Windsor that same day, according to police at 23 Division.

The Dixon Road shooting was on the same floor that sources tell Torstar Ford had earlier identified to some of his staff as a place where the video could be found.

Torstar has looked into this and had been told by people in the neighbourhood, and by Toronto police, that it was an accidental shooting involving people who were drunk and that it is not related to the video.

Residents of the house on Windsor Road include Mario Basso, 40; Fabio Basso, 45; and Elena Basso, 51. The house is owned by their mother, Lina, who also lives at the home.

"Rob Ford's the greatest mayor ever. You guys are scavengers," Elena said in a brief encounter with Torstar. "You come back to my house, I'll call the police." David Profitt, 45, a visitor to the home Wednesday, said that Fabio Basso and Ford know each other from high school. Ford did not respond to questions about his presence at the house. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

OH, THIS CRAZY KID

Glitter-loving party girl Ke$ha performs during an hourlong set for a packed house on Wednesday at the Molson Amphitheatre. She covered songs from all three of her albums, from the monster Tik Tok to the new track Crazy Kids. Dance and rap superstar Pitbull took up the challenge as headliner and had everyone out of their seats. Go to metronews.ca for a photo gallery of the megastars. TOM PANDI/FOR METRO

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The $4.9 billion, 19-kilometre Crosstown will help put Toronto back on the world transit map, promised Ontario Transportation Minister Glen Murray as four giant tunnel boring machines that will dig the LRT were launched.

Provincial agency Metrolinx expects it will take about 40 minutes to ride from Black Creek to Kennedy. The Crosstown is expected to attract 53 million riders in 2021. By 2031, up to 5,400 riders an hour will board the LRT at its busiest point in a single direction. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Investigation

Community housing still evicting seniors: Ombudsman

Fiona Crean

Toronto's social housing agency needlessly evicts vulnerable seniors despite promises it made after Al Gosling's shocking death in 2009, Toronto's ombudsman Fiona Crean says in a bombshell report to be made public Thursday.
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Dance dance revolution? (jazz hands are the first step)

Canada's National Ballet School celebrated National Aboriginal History Month with a flashmob dance at Nathan Phillips Square Wednesday. More than 150 participants took part in the Aboriginal-themed routine, set to A Tribe Called Red's Electric Inter-Tribal, and choreographed by NBS alumnae Santee Smith. CONTRIBUTED

Make 'verbal culture' in gov't illegal, experts urge

Gas plant scandal.
Privacy commish says it should be mandatory to write it down

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The increasing tendency of governments to make controversial decisions verbally — without keeping records that could come back to haunt them — must end, government watchdogs say.

Ontario's information and privacy commissioner Ann Cavoukian investigated the documents the government was ordered to release concerning the gas plants controversy and issued a scathing report Wednesday.

She found there is a scarce paper trail concerning the decision to close the plants because the premier's office and Minister of Energy's office failed to comply with the law that governs record keeping and engaged in "a culture of avoiding the creation of written and electronic records."

A "verbal culture" of decision-making means that decisions were made in conversations without supporting documents, so fewer records were available to the opposition parties, journalists and the public, who would have a legal right to see them under Freedom of Information legislation.

In Ontario, that verbal culture extended to the office of the Minister of Energy and of former premier Dalton McGuinty, she found.

"I am deeply concerned about the apparent lack of responsibility and accountability over records management within the offices of senior political leaders in Ontario," she said in a statement.

Cavoukian made several recommendations, including making it mandatory for the government to document communications.

British Columbia's information commissioner Elizabeth Denham recently found evidence of the same growing culture of verbal decisions and avoiding records at the highest levels of that provincial administration.

"Without a legislated duty to document, government can effectively avoid public scrutiny of the rationale for its action," Denham wrote in her report.

The BC Freedom of Information and Privacy Association also weighed in on Cavoukian's report.

"This is really a crisis in government in terms of information management," said executive director Vincent Gogolek. "I think people should be outraged."

Quoted

"Without access to information held by government institutions, citizens cannot participate meaningfully in the democratic process and hold politicians and bureaucrats accountable to the people they serve."
Ann Cavoukian, Ontario's privacy commissioner

City goes for Guinness with Fitness Challenge

Twinkle toes. Metro takes a salsa class. If we can do it, so can you

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How do you make great salsa? Smile, keep your chin up and try not to step on anyone's toes too hard.

This Saturday, the Toronto Fitness Challenge will aim to set some records at the Metro Convention Centre for: the world's largest salsa dance, the world's largest boot camp, the world's largest Harlem Shake and Canada's largest yoga class. Proceeds from registration fees go to the SickKids Foundation.

The fundraiser is open to everyone — not just those who think they can dance. So to prove that it's not too hard, Metro brought salsa instructor Tina Nico to our office for a lesson. If we newspaperwomen and men can do it, so can you.

Beginner salsa is a little like rhythmical walking with a partner. But if you get past the step, step, spin phase, it gets a little more complex.

We found laughter helps — a lot.

The largest salsa dance the Toronto Fitness Challenge is trying to break was set by 1,686 dancers at the Carnaval Coatzacoalcos in Mexico on March 24, 2012.

According to Guinness, all of the dancers were students at a local university aged between 19 to 25, and some were trained dancers.

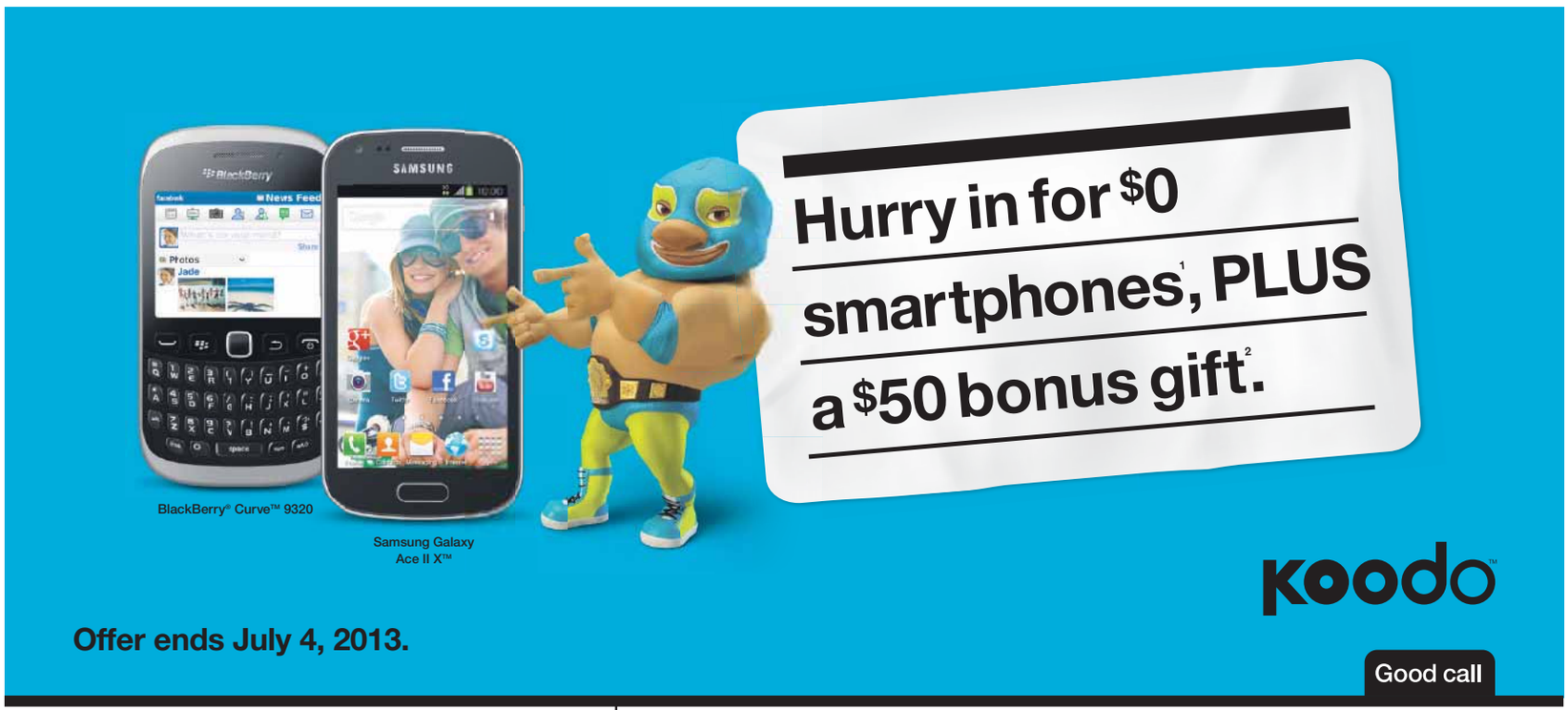
"The group formed a single 'comparsa' (dance troupe) at the Coatzacoalcos carnival and paraded for over three kilometres down the city's promenade," the record book says. "They were formed in 281 lines of six people. The song they danced to was Gloria Estefan's WEPA, which was repeated to ensure it lasted more than the minimum required five minutes."

Metro brought salsa instructor Tina Nico, front, to the office for some salsa dancing lessons recently. DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

By the numbers

Here's the numerical breakdown of the Toronto Fitness Challenge.

- **World's largest boot camp.** Current Guinness World Record — 1,165 participants; Toronto Fitness Challenge goal — 2,500 participants; minimum age of participants — 12; $30 ticket.
- **Canada's largest yoga class.** Toronto Fitness Challenge goal — 5,000 participants; all ages; $30.
- **World's largest salsa class.** Current Guinness World Record — 1,686 participants; Toronto Fitness Challenge goal — 2,000 participants; minimum age of participants — 12; $30.
- **World's largest Harlem Shake.** Current Guinness World Record — 3,400 participants; Toronto Fitness Challenge goal — 10,000 participants; all ages; $15.



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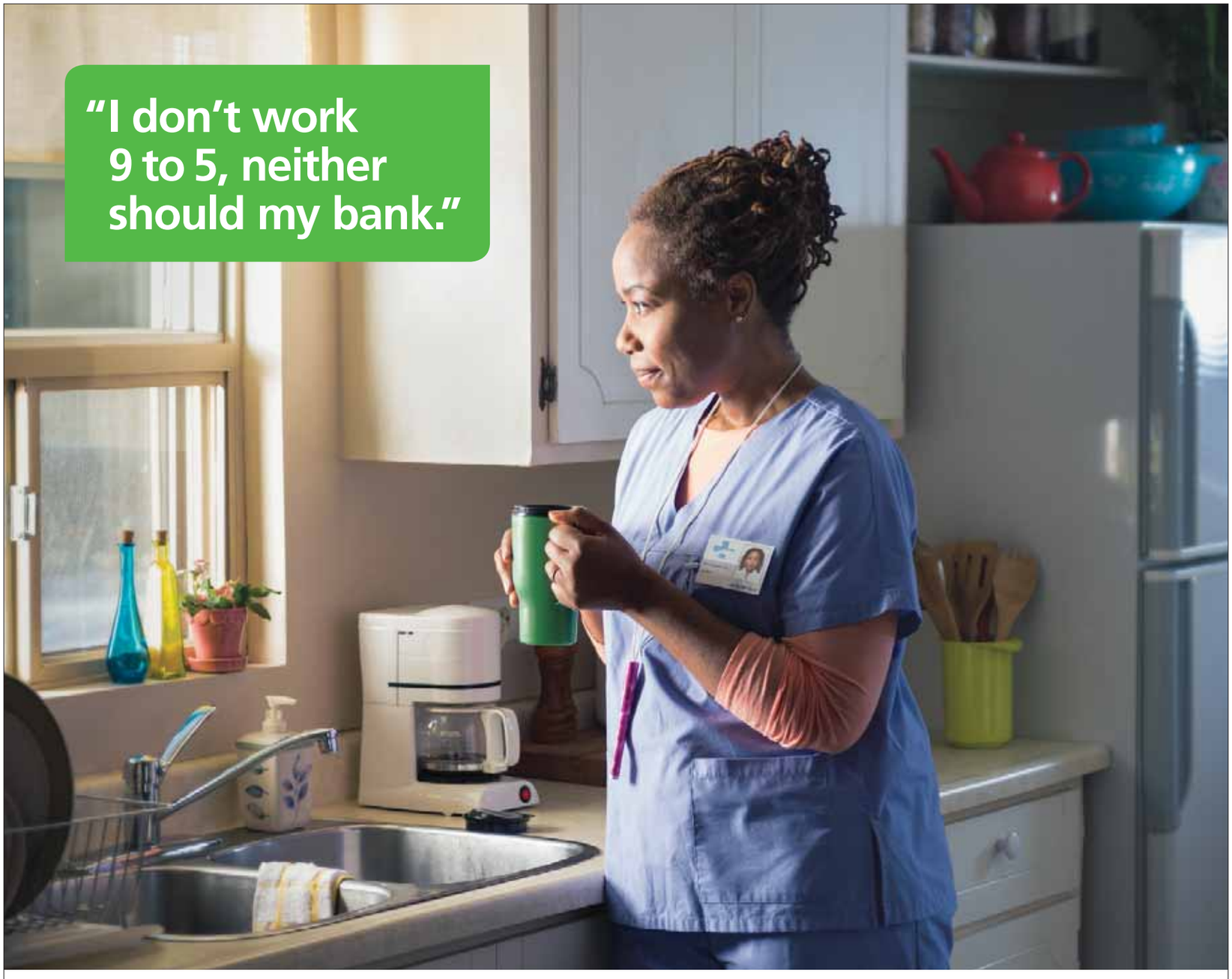

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BSS talk reunion, T.O., Ford

10th anniversary. Co-founder Kevin Drew hints upcoming show could spawn another album or tour

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Kevin Drew has a few things to say about the Rob Ford fiasco.

"It's embarrassing what's happening right now. I think the man should step down," he says.

"(Toronto) is a city that's becoming undone. It's becoming claustrophobic, it has an emptiness to it. We need leaders in place and they're not there. I think Ford should step down, go back to the suburbs, teach football and leave us alone."

Those are strong words about the 'burbs for the Broken Social Scene co-founder and musician who cultivated his talents at the Etobicoke School of the Arts.

And why should the suburbs be subjected to Ford at this current juncture in his political career?

Drew laughs and concedes, "I'm a suburban boy. I could tell you where I really want to send (Ford), but I think I'll keep it PG."

While he's depressed about the state of city hall, he's poised to bring some positivity back to the downtown core by way of the Field Trip Music & Arts Festival, the 10th anniversary celebration of the Arts & Crafts label, which he co-founded with former Virgin Records executive Jeffrey Remedios in 2003.

Quoted

"This is kind of strange timing. (BSS) went around the world and told people about this great city. I think we have a wonderful city and this is a great injustice that's happening right now."

Kevin Drew on the Rob Ford scandal

Kevin Drew, third from right, and the rest of Broken Social Scene will perform on Late Night with Jimmy Fallon Thursday night, along with Feist. PHOTO COURTESY DANIELLE ST. LAURENT

It'll be the first time Broken Social Scene has come together to perform since they wrapped their 2011 tour in support of Forgiveness Rock Record. Looking back, Drew says that the hiatus was due to a feeling of exhaustion among the members. "(Continuing) wasn't going to be respectful to the music or the people who come to our shows," he says.

But with a 10-year anniversary to celebrate, Drew said it was time to return to the stage. "These guys are my family and I love them all and I love playing with them and we're going to have a great time that night. I think now more than ever we're just going to go up there and do what we do," he says, referring to Toronto's current political woes.

And really, what would an Arts & Crafts celebration be without the band that started it all? Remedios has referred to BSS as the "rocket ship we were going to build around," and true to ambition, the collective has launched plenty of careers — think Leslie Feist, Jason Collett and Emily Haines.

Drew even hints that this show could spawn another album or tour. "I see anything that makes us happy happening," he says.

But for now, he's just focused on bringing a little light back to what he perceives as Toronto's dark days. "This is kind of strange timing. (BSS) went around the world and told people about this great city. I think we have a wonderful city and this is a great injustice that's happening right now."

Diversity, special needs training to be mandatory for student teachers

All student teachers in Ontario will be required for the first time to take common training in how to work with students of diverse backgrounds and those with special needs, and to get training in using technology in the classroom, Education Minister Liz Sandals has announced.

The sweeping new curriculum to be launched in 2015 will be spread over two years instead of one, and include 80 days of practice-teaching instead of 40. Teachers' colleges will also take in only half as many students as they do now — 4,500 a year down from about 9,000 — to reduce the glut of unemployed educators in an age of declining enrolment and tight budgets.

"By modernizing our teacher education program, we can give students a greater depth of knowledge, and also give them more opportunities to find jobs in their chosen field," said Sandals on Wednesday at Toronto's Lord Landsowne Public School, where she unveiled plans for the longer, more detailed teacher education program pledged in the Liberals' 2011 election campaign. Sandals said only about 6,000 teaching jobs open up in the province each year.

Education Minister Liz Sandals
THE CANADIAN PRESS

The province will also reduce the per-student funding it gives its 13 faculties of education by about 20 per cent. It used to fund them at the rate of the tech-focused engineering programs, but now it will be on a par with law and social work. The ministry will provide transition dollars to ease the initial blow on universities, especially those such as Nipissing and Lakehead, for whom faculties of education make up a large portion of the student body.

"We need to turn the tap down on the supply of teachers and bring it more in line with demand," said MPP Brad Duguid, minister of training, college and universities, noting some 37,500 qualified teaching graduates in Ontario cannot find jobs in their field.

Under the new province-wide curriculum, Sandals said each student teacher will get at least some training in teaching diverse populations, including aboriginal students, tailoring teaching methods to students of different abilities, using technology in the classroom, literacy and numeracy, mental health and addiction and safe schools. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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MPP Brad Duguid

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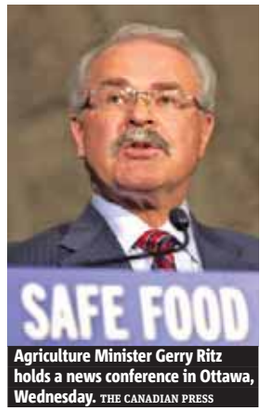
Indecisive report on big beef recall leaves bad taste

Tainted meat. Review blames lax food safety attitudes by plant employees, inspectors

Nearly a year after tainted Alberta beef sickened 18 people, briefly blocked exports to the U.S. and cast doubts on the safety of Canada's food supply, no one can say for sure what led to the largest meat recall in Canadian history.

It could have been a horde of germs from a contaminated animal passing through a super shredder, a new report suggests. Or an improperly decontaminated carcass. Or simply a case of too much bacteria for the plant to handle.

One thing is for certain: neither staff nor federal inspectors at the XL Foods plant in Brooks, Alta., were taking food safety seriously enough last September to prevent the crisis from happening, a three-member review panel has concluded.



Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz holds a news conference in Ottawa, Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"We found a relaxed attitude towards applying mandatory procedures — clearly outlined in some documents, less so in others ... a shortcoming shared by both plant and CFIA staff," says the report released Wednesday.

"We found one of the country's largest beef processors unprepared to handle what turned out to be the largest beef recall in Canadian history. As the company had never conducted any mock recalls on a scale that remotely mimicked a real event, XL Foods Inc. found itself overwhelmed with the recall that occurred.

"In short, we found a weak food safety culture at the Brooks plant, shared by both plant management and CFIA staff."

Seemingly obvious tasks — properly cleaning the germ-infested equipment with which the meat came into contact, for instance — might have limited the outbreak of E. coli, the report says. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Vancouver

Nanny claims she was forced to work 16-hour days

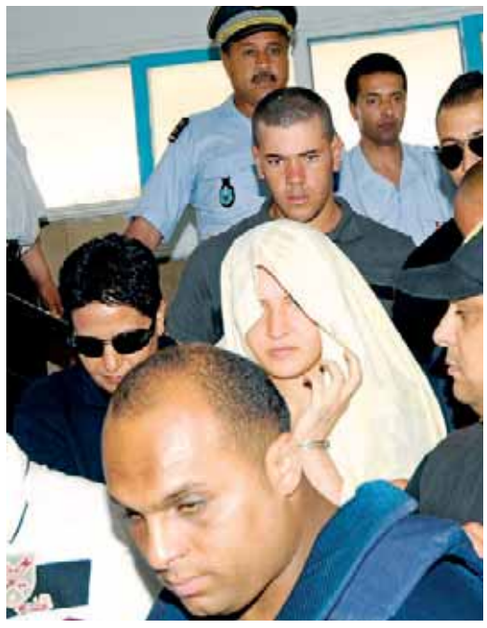
A Filipina nanny has told a human trafficking trial that she was forced to work 16 hours a day, seven days a week after moving to Vancouver with her employers in 2008. Leticia Sarmiento says that when she worked for the same couple in Hong Kong, she had set hours and two days off a week. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Israel

Judge resigns after rape remark

A Tel Aviv District Court judge has resigned following a public furor over comments he made in court that some girls "enjoy being raped."

Nissim Yeshaya was presiding over a hearing on the rape of a 13-year-old Israeli girl by four Palestinian youths when he made the comment. He apologized and said the remark was taken out of context. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Femen activists expelled

Tunisian feminist activist Amina Sboui, hidden by a veil, is escorted by police officers as she leaves the courthouse in Kairouan, Tunisia, Wednesday. Sboui, a Tunisian member of radical Ukrainian feminist group Femen, scandalized the country by posting topless photos of herself protesting for women's rights in March. Three members of the group were expelled from Tunisia on suspicion they were planning a topless protest in front of the court where their colleague was being tried for another incident, the Interior Ministry said Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Groups want prostitution decriminalized

Supreme Court.
Hearing next week will determine the future of Canada's prostitution laws

A coalition of groups says it will urge the Supreme Court of Canada to decriminalize the work of female sex workers, while keeping the criminal penalties against pimps and clients.

The case stems from an Ontario Court of Appeal ruling that struck down a section of the law that forbids brothels, but upheld a ban on communication for the purposes of prostitution, which effectively makes street prostitution illegal.

The Women's Coalition for the Abolition of Prostitution is one of the nearly two dozen groups that have been granted intervener status to argue before the court.

The group argues that men are the main benefactors of the sex industry — as pimps, customers and brothel owners. The coalition is made up of seven organizations, including the Canadian Association of Sexual Assault Centres, the Native Women's Association of Canada, and the Canadian Association of Elizabeth Fry Societies.

"It's an asymmetrical position of: decriminalize the women, maintain the criminalization of men, even though it's never happened," said Kim Pate, head of Elizabeth Fry.

Prostitution itself is not illegal in Canada, though many of the key activities are banned under the three sections of the Criminal Code.

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Bawdy house ban

The Ontario court struck down the Criminal Code ban on bawdy houses because the law puts sex workers in danger by forcing them to work outside.

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Trudeau pitches plan on senators' expenses

A small group of protesters crashes Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau's press conference on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. Trudeau is proposing a four-point plan to lift the veil of secrecy shrouding the expenses of Canada's MPs and senators. His plan would require them to post quarterly details of their travel and hospitality expenses on public websites, as cabinet ministers already do.

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Safe injection sites

Ottawa to unveil new regulations

The Harper government will introduce legislation Thursday to clarify the rules for opening new supervised-injection sites in the country.

A 2011 Supreme Court ruling allowed a supervised injection site for drug addicts in Vancouver to stay open. Supporters had argued that closing the facility would violate the rights of addicts living in one of the most-desolate neighbourhoods.

The federal government, meanwhile, argued the facility fosters addiction and runs counter to its tough-on-crime agenda.

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Mental health crisis

Nunavut study an eye-opener

The biggest study ever done into the risk factors for Nunavut's high suicides rates is revealing the depth of mental health problems in the territory.

Nunavut's suicide rate is 10 times the Canadian average. The study found that nearly two-thirds of 120 Inuit who killed themselves between 2003 and 2006 had suffered from major depression.

It also found that about one-quarter of Inuit in a control group had also been severely depressed.

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A NEW WAY TO #GRIEVE

Mourning deceased loved ones on social media is common, but commemorative pages, like those created for Amanda Todd, the B.C. teen who committed suicide after being bullied, can cause additional anxiety

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FACEBOOK

On May 12, Alexandra Christopoulos wished her friend Patrick a happy birthday on Facebook.

He'll never read the post.

Patrick Douglas Mott, who would have been 31 this year, died on New Year's Eve in 2009. Soon after, Mott's father started an RIP Facebook group in his son's honour, a group with more than 200 members and hundreds of posts.

This, for many, is the new way to grieve. And some are abusing it.

While grieving through social media can be cathartic, it can also rob mourners of their privacy. For Christopoulos, Mott's online memorial helped in the healing process.

"I think initially, grief, it's so overwhelming and shocking and you almost feel numb," said Christopoulos, adding that she turned to social media when she felt alone.

"I'll think of him randomly. I'll go online to that page and realize someone else has already been there. They're thinking of him too," she said.

Experiences vary. Amanda Todd, the B.C. teen who committed suicide last year after being relentlessly bullied, has been commemorated on Facebook and Twitter. Her RIP pages have hundreds of thousands of likes, but have also become a forum for more bullying.

Some commenters wrote that the 15-year-old deserved her fate. A topless photo of Todd, the very one that contributed to her agony, was even posted to a memorial page.

According to Pam Fitzgerald, director of the Canadian Centre for Bereavement Education and Grief Counselling in Toronto, social media can be a free-for-all.

"With a sudden, unexpected death, people aren't always sensitive with their judgment and criticism or inaccurate information," she said. "Anything on the Internet affects the grieving process. Gossip usually always hurts."

RIP Facebook groups and Twitter hashtags pose another problem: What if the family of the deceased doesn't want an online memorial?

Vicky White, a 17-year-old from Toronto, started a memorial Facebook page after her classmate died in a car crash earlier this year. "It was a place for everyone to gather to share their memories," she said. "I love connections. It really doesn't matter … whether it's a total stranger or family member. I believe everyone should be able to mourn."

But then the deceased teen's family spoke up.

"There are a lot of complications. I like to put myself out there, but the thing is, (his) family wanted privacy. They want time to heal," White said, explaining that while the page is still up, she's no longer using her friend's name when talking to the media.

Even with its pitfalls, mourning through social media has its place in the grieving process. According to Fitzgerald, it can be a useful tool when coupled with professional help or a strong support system.

"I think it can be both positive and negative. Funeral homes now have a page where people can write messages to the family. That's positive."

Online etiquette

For those wishing to pay their respects using social media, here are some guidelines:

- Always post accurate information to avoid causing unwarranted anxiety to those trying to heal.
- Never post criticisms of the deceased.
- Don't offer advice, only condolences and support.
- Respect the privacy of those who are mourning.
- Going out and having face-to-face interactions are also important parts of the grieving process.

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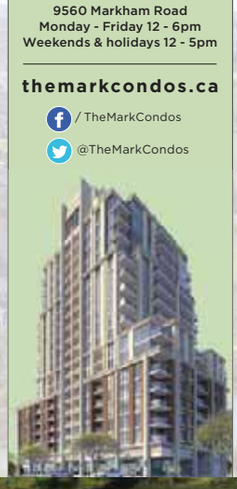

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Firefighters carry a survivor from the rubble of a four-storey building that collapsed in downtown Philadelphia Wednesday. MICHAEL BRYANT/PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Victims pulled from the rubble

Philadelphia. One killed as demolition gone wrong buries adjacent thrift store

A building that was being torn down collapsed with a thunderous boom Wednesday, raining bricks on a neighbouring thrift store, killing a woman and injuring at least 13 other people in an accident that witnesses said was bound to happen.

Hours after the deadly accident, with the official death count at one, two body bags were removed from the rubble. Video footage taken at the scene showed authorities loading the body bags into ambulances. Telephone calls to the mayor's office and to fire and police officials seeking information about the body bags were not answered. A woman was pulled from the rubble of the Salvation Army thrift store two hours after the 10:45 a.m. collapse when rescuers heard her voice, city fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said.

"We're hoping that anyone that's inside is in a void and we can have a live rescue," he said. "If not, we'll just take this apart a little at a time."

The woman who died was 35 years old, Mayor Michael Nutter said, but no other information about her was released. Officials said they would keep excavating to make sure there were no other victims.

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Shoddy work?

"We've been calling it for the past week — it's going to fall, it's going to fall."

Window washer Dan Gillis

'Lack of transparency'

Alberta MP quits caucus, criticizes government

Alberta MP Brent Rathgeber says he has resigned from the Conservative caucus because of what he says is the government's "lack of commitment to transparency."

Rathgeber, who represents the Alberta riding of Edmonton-St. Albert, announced his resignation on Twitter late Wednesday.

He had complained last week about disappointment in the party base about scandals in the federal government.

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Blow to rebel forces

Hezbollah helps Syrian troops seize border town

Syrian troops and their Lebanese Hezbollah allies captured a strategic border town Wednesday after a gruelling three-week battle, dealing a severe blow to rebels and opening the door for President Bashar Assad's regime to seize back the country's central heartland.

The regime triumph in Qusair, which Assad's forces had bombarded for months without success, demonstrates the potentially game-changing role of Hezbollah in Syria's civil war. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jamaica

Violence against kids a chronic problem: UNICEF

The United Nations' child welfare agency said Wednesday that it is deeply concerned about what it describes as "unrelenting violence" against youngsters in Jamaica, including the recent beheading of a 4-year-old girl.

Robert Fuderich, UNICEF's representative in Jamaica, said a recent spate of crimes targeting school children has underscored a disturbing problem in the country that has put authorities on alert and parents on edge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Tories just don't get it: Import-export group

Tariff changes. Head of association says changes in new budget are bad for both business and consumers

The head of the Canadian Association of Importers and Exporters has launched a blistering attack on the Conservative government for what she's calling its "quest for cash" that is hurting business and will cost consumers.

Joy Nott, the president of I.E. Canada, is wading into an ongoing dispute between a coalition of television importers and the Canadian Border Service Agency over what critics are calling the Harper government's "iPod tax."

TV importers have evidence the government has given them bad advice on tariff exemptions that Ottawa intended to later claw back, including tariffs on TVs, computer speakers and MP3 players, such as iPods.

But Nott says the problem runs deeper, and that major tariff changes announced in Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's March budget will have a ripple effect on Canada's import-export community — and consumers. The budget prominently stated that import duties on some popular sporting goods would be dropped. But buried in the back pages it also noted that Canada would be "graduating" goods from 72 countries to a higher tariff classification, starting in 2015. The measure will bring in $333 million annually, said the government.

"Quite frankly, the single line about the (General Preferential Tariff) changes actually has a much wider and much more negative impact on the ultimate consumer than duty give-aways on cricket bats and hockey sticks and whatever," Nott said in an interview.

She called the sporting goods tariff cuts "almost like a smokescreen."

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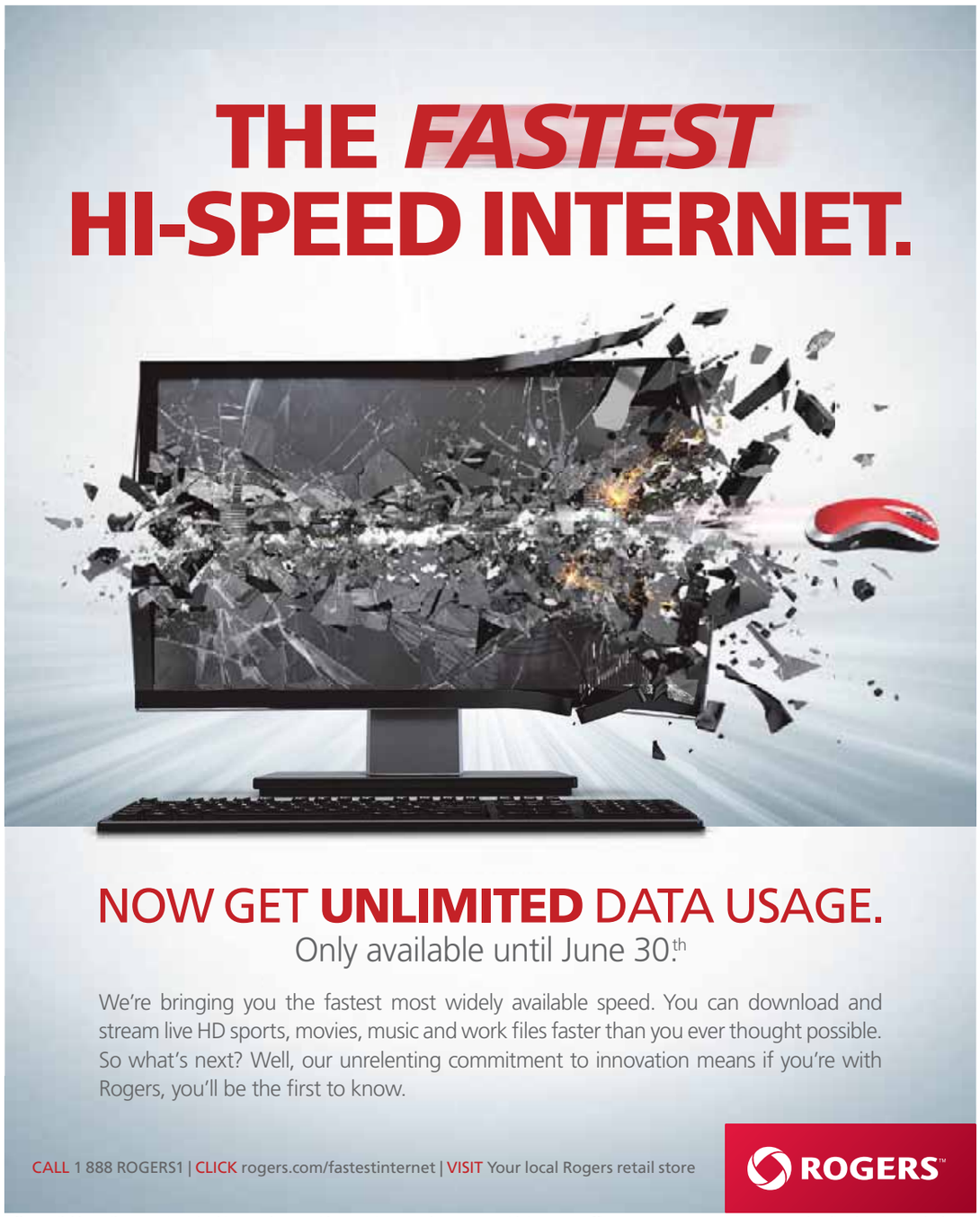
Times are a-changin'

A spokesman for the finance minister said changes were "long overdue" because the system punishes Canadian companies by giving "special breaks" to emerging powers like Brazil, China, South Korea, and India based on decades-old program.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Housing market

Boost in permits throws analysts

Canada's housing market continues to confound in its resilience in the face of forces that point to a correction from sky-high levels.

StatsCan reported that building permits jumped 10.5 per cent in April — 21 per cent on the residential side — a shock to economists who had expected an overall three per cent decline. It was the fourth consecutive monthly increase. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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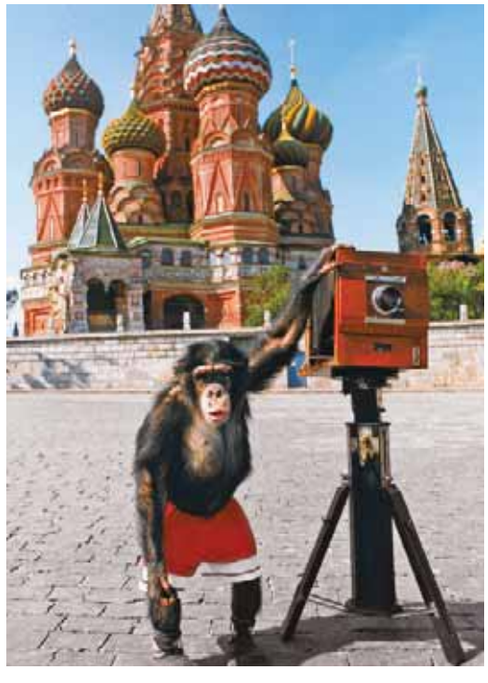

Monkey see, monkey shoot

They're askew and out of focus, but a set of photos taken by a talented chimpanzee named Mikki sold at auction Wednesday for 50,000 pounds ($76,680). The blurry images of Moscow's Red Square were snapped up by a Russian buyer during a sale of Russian photography at Sotheby's in London. Mikki, a performer with the Moscow Circus, was trained to take photos in the 1990s by Russian conceptual artists Vitaly Komar and Alexander Melamid as part of a project to challenge concepts of artistic value. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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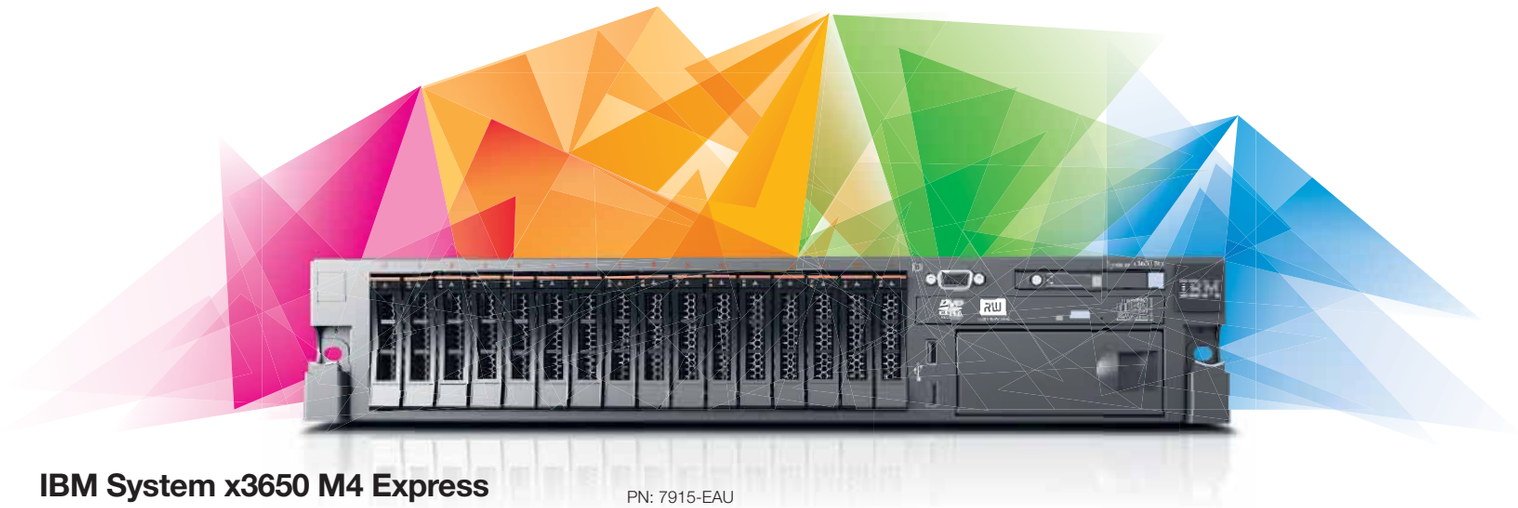

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ASS IF YOU NEED TO SPOIL IT...

HE SAYS

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If you spoil TV shows or movies on Facebook and Twitter you are (SPOILER ALERT) a giant ass.

As anyone with social media likely knows, whether you wanted to or not, something big happened this weekend on the TV show Game of Thrones — something that led to an outpouring of emotional responses usually reserved for terrorism and/or Justin Bieber.

I watched it the very second I could, even though that meant spending $25 for a cab ride to get to a night shift on time. Why? Because I knew that even with the scant number of people I haven't blocked in my Facebook feed (12 as of press time), there would be some goofus or other who would need to make a joke about whatever they saw, everybody else's enjoyment be damned.

And I was right. Some men have no honour.

I'm perfectly OK with people saying, "OMG!" or "WTF!" or any other bit of Internet alphabet soup, but after that let it end. A boss of mine had the episode ruined by her dentist, for goodness' sake.

Saying specifically what happens during a show in a tweet or status update is wrong, full stop. I have an Old Testament view of this. It's wrong. There is no grey.

At worst, it shows you lack empathy and don't care if you're ruining it for other people. At best, it makes you that guy who says, "Ooooh, this part coming up is FUNNY. Watch it. Watch it!"

If that's the best you can hope for, it's time to re-evaluate your life.

Some people argue that if you don't want to be spoiled you shouldn't use Facebook and Twitter, but that's ridiculous. That's how people talk to each other. That's our email and calendar. It's a big room we all talk in, and giving stuff away in one sentence is like walking up to someone the day after Empire Strikes Back and saying, Homer Simpson-like, "I can't believe he's Luke's father!"

If you were talking to somebody in person, you'd ask if they saw it first. If you want to talk about it online, provide a link to your longer, spoilery thoughts.

I also don't buy the statute of limitations that says after a while spoiling is OK. I'm sour that by the time I got to Psycho and Citizen Kane I knew the twists, and I've stayed away from The Sopranos and Lost because I know how they end. (SPOILER: In the last episode of Lost, it's revealed the show sucks.)

It's been said that it's your responsibility not to be spoiled. Nonsense. That's as stupid as the argument that a hockey player who gets his head smashed into the boards shouldn't have had his backed turn in the first place, or that a doored cyclist shouldn't have been driving in heavy traffic anyway.

Remaining spoiler-free is an act of self-restraint in a world of information overload. Every viewer knows that they can know everything that happens before a show even airs by taking their smartphone out of their pocket, yet they choose to remain blissfully unaware.

Ending that for them is like walking up to someone on a diet and shoving cake in their mouth. Whether dinner or entertainment, you shouldn't spoil it.

ZOOM

Eat your art out

Didn't your mother teach you not to play with food?

Food artist Ida Skivenes adds a whole new meaning to 'artistic taste' with her recreations of famous masterpieces. The Oslo-based geographer uses toast as her canvas and adds vegetables, cheeses and fruits to complete her 'paintings.' Her series includes remakes of works by Munch, Van Gogh and Vermeer. **METRO**

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Nom nom nom

30

minutes is how long Skivenes takes to complete a culinary recreation. Skivenes' book, Eat Your Art Out: Playful Breakfasts By Idafrosk (her nickname) is due in October.

Q and A

A toast to the edible canvas

IDA SKIVENES
Human geographer and food artist, 29, from Oslo, Norway

How did this nifty culinary project come about?
In June of last year, I joined Instagram to reconnect with my love for photography once more. The food art just happened along the way by way of a happy accident. I had seen some food art online, did my own version and posted it. After that I tried my own ideas and it turned out I had an eye for making art with food.

So you eat your artworks?
Yes, everything is made to be, and is, eaten.

What's the hardest part in remaking famous paintings?
It's recreating the mood and the 'light' in them — and getting all the small details in place.

What do you hope viewers will take away from your work?
I want people to get curious about how art and food are connected. **METRO**

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Wonderhowto.com
From Minecraft to makeup, Wonder How To has videos, info graphics and forums to help you master useful and completely useless skills — this one truly is "wonderland for your inner nerd."

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@metropicks asked: Atari games rumoured to be buried in a grave in New Mexico will be dug up by a team of Canadians. What game do you want brought back?

@rmmtenterprises: pacman

@msjenn28: frogger.Loved that game. Use to play it at the lake on rainy days only as we always went outside when it was nice

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Owning a hand crafted, custom fitted suit is the dream of every man and woman. But finding a tailor and staying within budget can often be a challenge. So, you continue to buy ill-fitting suits off the rack – suits that are not customized to the nuances of your body type and size.

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Montreal-based Alison Moore and Jasa Baka will premiere Smile Stealers, a visual epic poetry film. HANDOUT

Rock, roll and laugh at NXNE

All kinds of art. Fest is most often associated with live music — but there's film, comedy, visual art and even a friendly soccer match

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Next week marks the beginning of North by North East, Toronto's annual summer bacchanal of live music. And while the literally hundreds of bands who are in town to play the fest's coveted showcases take the lion's share of the attention, NXNE has far more on offer than crowded shows in sweaty clubs.

Film is a long-running feature at the fest; this year's marquee flicks, all screening at the Bloor Hot Docs Cinema, include FILMAGE: the Story of the Descendants/ALL about the influential California pop-punks and Authentic: Young Rival's Journey through Canada, a tour doc following the young Hamilton band's national tour. And new this year is a comedy component, which includes a collection of shorts curated by local comedy crew, Laugh Sabbath.

Comedy also takes the spotlight during NXNE's Comedy Fest, which runs concurrently with its music offerings. Be sure to check out foul-mouthed comic Big Jay Oakerson, Irish stand-up Dylan Moran and Chappelle Show alumni Donnell Rawlings along with more than 75 more comedians yucking it up around town.

No doubt Record Store Day left music fans' wallets lighter than they'd prefer, but anyone still packing some pocket change would be advised to check out Canada's first ever Independent Label Market, June 15 at Ryerson's Campus Common. Reps and label heads from indie heavyweights like Dine Alone and Paper Bag and lesser known imprints like Static Clang and Nevado will peddle their wares, including a number of rare and even one-off releases.

Brand spanking new for 2013 is an art component. Artists of all stripes, including local Johannes Zits, Montreal-based Alison Moore and Jasa Baka will premiere Smile Stealers, a visual epic poetry film, and Quebec artist Brendan de Montigny will descend on the city, and not just our galleries (although, there will be plenty of that as well).

Expect roving performance art, graffiti artists bombing construction zones and TTC performances both live and on video screens.

Finally, indie music and sports have a rough history — underground cultures are often a haven for the non-athletic among us during high school. But the annual Put the Boot In soccer match aims to remedy that schism.

The game pits Canadian musicians, the Rockers, against a phalanx of media moguls, the Rollers in a (friendly) fight for the coveted Queen and Beaver cup.

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Much ado about comics and TV

Beauty in the Bard. Much Ado About Nothing director Joss Whedon has looked to Shakespeare for most of his work

Director Joss Whedon
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Some might find it strange that Joss Whedon's first movie since The Avengers — his 2012 megahit about a team of Marvel Comics superheroes — is an independent adaptation of Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing. But it makes perfect sense to him. The man who created TV hits like Buffy the Vampire Slayer and its spinoff Angel says his dramas all have a bit of the Bard in them.

"When you're working in Marvel Comics — whether it's comics or the cinematic universe — you're cribbing from Shakespeare," Whedon said in a recent interview.

"The big themes, the big emotions, its kings, and betrayal and love and tragedy and that good stuff, and even in the way I write, any time you get to write about an Asgardian, there's going to be a touch of the Elizabethan in there."

While Much Ado debuts in theatres next Friday, Whedon's focus is already on Avengers 2 — due out in 2015 — and his upcoming Marvel-based TV series Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D., which premieres on ABC this fall. Whedon acknowledges he does feel "pressure" to follow up on the success of The Avengers — the third highest-grossing film ever.

The comic book enthusiast says The Avengers seems perfectly normal to him — a world where Thor, Iron Man and Captain America "hang out" — and he was able to readily convey that to a wider audience. "This is how the world meant to be. These guys are going to hang out and save the world and then they're going to get really mad at each other."

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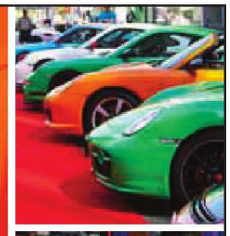

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Brit Marling. Throw her a frickin' bone — spying's hard

The East opens this Friday. HANDOUT

Brit Marling gets inside the mind of a covert operative in the East as both a co-writer (with director Zal Batmanglij) and an actress playing Sarah, tasked by a private intelligence firm to infiltrate a group of anarchist activists targeting environment-harming corporations. It was quite a task on both counts, she found.

In the film your character asks of herself, "Who does this kind of work?" Have you found an answer to that yet?
That's a good question. You know what? I'm honestly still trying to figure that out. It's funny because acting and deep cover actually have a lot in common. In both disciplines you take on a different name and you take on a different set of characteristics and qualities. But deep cover, the stakes are so high. You get caught in a moment of phoniness and you could be shot — which I don't think they do that to actors. But yeah, that question was so fascinating to me, this idea of a person who is willing to take those kinds of risks, who has that kind of — I don't know — just that courage.

Usually spy types are written with an unappealing or neglected home life, but she has a pretty nice setup waiting for her at home, which was very interesting.
We felt like that was really important, and that's why it was so exciting that Jason Ritter was game to do the part. He's someone you want to be around. He has a warmth and a generosity and a sincerity that, like, who wouldn't want to be partners with somebody like that?

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On private espionage...

"Something like 40 per cent of intelligence work is outsourced now to private espionage firms. You think of espionage as being at least under some kind of democratic oversight, in that it's connected to the government and connected to law enforcement, and hopeful that's grounded in some body of ethics that we, the people, have agreed upon. But with corporate espionage it's a bit different because there is no body of ethics. It's just about, 'Are you going to make money next quarter?'" says Marling.

She's seen the sunset, now it's time for midnight

Before Midnight. Working with the same director and co-star over an 18 year period can get a little interesting — here's why this series works

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy star in Before Midnight, which opens this Friday. HANDOUT

Julie Delpy has developed quite the professional relationship with co-star Ethan Hawke and director Richard Linklater, reteaming every nine years for another look into the lives of Celine and Jesse, the lovers we met 18 years ago on a train to Vienna in Before Sunrise and saw again in Paris in 2004's Before Sunset. The latest, Before Midnight, finds them married with twin daughters finishing up a summer in Greece — and debating where their relationship goes from here. Delpy helped clue us in to some of the secrets of their quiet franchise.

There's no one side for the audience to root for:
"Here there's no bad guy in particular, but they still have to make compromises — and what compromise might jeopardize their relationship, their love?" says Delpy. "It's all about finding the right road. When you have a long-term relationship, you have to make choices. Actually their relationship started with a choice that Jesse made, which was to follow his heart, but that comes with consequences, and the film starts with the consequence of that choice. We find them in a situation where they have to make a choice again, and it might jeopardize their entire life. That's the life of a relationship."

It's not a chick flick:
"It's very important that it's balanced female and male, that it's not a macho movie or a feminist movie with a meaning or anything — that it's very, very balanced in that sense," explains Delpy, who also co-wrote the script with Linklater and Hawke. "And that's our goal, actually, to make sure when we write this that it's neither macho or feminist. She doesn't hate men."

The emotional scenes are just more fun:
"It's pleasurable for an actor, believe it or not, to cry, to suffer. It's a pleasant thing," she admits. "That's what we train for. When you see someone on camera crying or being hurt, they're actually enjoying it. But actually what's most painful is the simple things. That's the hardest thing to find as an actor. I mean, obviously it is draining as an actor to do scenes where you're emotional and stuff, but there's a certain pleasure to it. I can't explain it. Or maybe I'm weird, I don't know."

It doesn't end with 'I do'

"It's all about finding the right road. When you have a long-term relationship, you have to make choices."
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She knows everything they've been doing between movies.
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Global's comeback kids to take centre stage

Winter and fall line ups. Michael J. Fox, James Spader, Blair Underwood and Sean Hayes make exciting small screen returns

Global is touting big comebacks in its fall and winter lineup, as stars Michael J. Fox, James Spader, Blair Underwood and Sean Hayes return to the small screen with new ventures.

Shaw Media — which runs Global as well as a raft of specialty channels including History, Showcase and Slice — is announcing 11 new dramas and seven new comedies for its main network.

They include Hayes' single dad sitcom Sean Saves the World, Spader's FBI thriller The Blacklist, Underwood's cop show reboot Ironside and the family comedy The Michael J. Fox Show, said to be inspired by the Back to the Future star's personal life.

"Michael J. Fox for us was just a huge, huge, huge win," Shaw Media's content boss Barbara Williams said at a news conference Wednesday that outlined its biggest new properties. "This takes him right back to his comedic roots."

Other new fall dramas include the sci-fi adventure Almost Human, about a cop teamed up with a synthetic android in the year 2048; the sultry Dracula, starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers in the title role; and the fantasy thriller Sleepy Hollow, a modern-day retelling of the classic tale of Ichabod Crane and the Headless Horseman. Other fresh fall sitcoms include the Will Arnett project The Millers, Tony Shalhoub and Jerry O'Connell's dating comedy We Are Men and the culture clash comedy Welcome to the Family.

And mid-season will feature the highly anticipated return of Kiefer Sutherland as super spy Jack Bauer in 24: Live Another Day. "Jack is back," declared Williams, adding that this edition of 24 will be a shorter run with just 12 episodes. "It's really exciting." Other mid-season highlights include the Chicago Fire spinoff Chicago PD, "Crossbones, starring John Malkovich as the legendary pirate Blackbeard; Rake, featuring Greg Kinnear as a criminal defence lawyer; and the Canadian medical drama Remedy.

New mid-season comedies include About a Boy, starring Minnie Driver as a single mom raising her 11-year-old son, and the homegrown sitcom Working the Engels, about a "ne'er-do-well family" forced to take over their father's legal business. On the daytime side, music and movie star Queen Latifah joins the roster with her new talk show The Queen Latifah Show, featuring musical performances and celebrity guests. But it won't just be about famous people, the rapper-turned-business woman said, noting she was eager to find remarkable unknowns who have made a big difference in their communities.

"It's not just the A-list celebrity," she said. "For me, the dream guest is the everyday people who are amazing."

Williams touted big names helming new projects on Shaw's specialty channels as well, including Alan Thicke in the Slice reality show In the Thicke of It. The winter series will centre on the former Growing Pains star, his wife and three children.

Rebecca Romijn stars in the Showcase police drama King & Maxwell, Julia Ormond toplines Lifetime's fall series Witches of East End and Rob Lowe plays President John F. Kennedy in National Geographic Channel's fall two-hour docu-drama Killing Kennedy.

Music and movie star Queen Latifah will host The Queen Latifah Show. THE CANADIAN PRESS

And there's more

Other new specialty series include the following:

- **Showcase's sci-fi series Helix**
- **Lifetime and History's simulcast of Bonnie & Clyde**
- **History's Martian War, which re-imagines the First World War as an alien invasion**
- **DIY's fall series Vanilla Ice Goes Amish, which sees the rapper-turned-home renovator live and learn from Amish builders.**
- **HGTV Canada's Real Potential with Sarah Richardson and Undercover Overhaul with the Cousins featuring the Kitchen Cousins stars Anthony Carrino and John Colaneri.**
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Returning Slice series include Big Brother Canada, Mob Wives, and Real Housewives of New Jersey, Beverly Hills, Atlanta, New York and Miami. But the Real Housewives of Vancouver will not be back while Shaw reconsiders cast and possibly location, said Williams.

Over on Food Network Canada, Top Chef Canada will return for more culinary competition, while Chopped Canada debuts in winter 2014 with host Dean McDermott. Also new is Cutthroat Kitchen, Guy & Rachael's Kids Cook-Off and Trisha's Southern Kitchen, featuring music superstar and cookbook author Trisha Yearwood. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Chicken Little was right, the sky really is falling

Interview. Noah Wyle, star of Falling Skies, talks about what it's like working on a chaotic set where they're often caught running from aliens and changing scripts

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Metro World News

With the third season of Falling Skies kicking off this week, star Noah Wyle — who plays Tom Mason — is remarkably candid about the hit sci-fi series' strengths and weaknesses.

"I don't think there's anybody involved with this show that's more objective about it than I am, that is willing to point out its faults as well as its assets more than me," the former E.R. star tells Metro.

He also says he's learned a lot of lessons about parenting during an alien invasion that can be applied surprisingly well to raising kids today.

After three seasons, do you think Falling Skies has found its footing?
This is a weird show in that I still don't feel like we've reached our full potential because every year we do something that kind of hobbles us, that's a self-inflicted wound. And yet they turn out pretty well as a result. I'd be really curious to see what we'd be able to accomplish if we didn't stand in our own way so much.

How do you mean?
Everything from scheduling to how much time we get scripts beforehand to casting. Maybe I'm spoiled because by the time E.R. was off the air it was such a well-oiled machine that it just ran so smoothly. But for example, last season, season two, they wrote this wonderful role for a guest star, for a woman who was a pilot. You could've cast anyone from Kathy Bates to Alfre Woodard — and we went after both of them to do it — but it took a long time to pull the trigger on making those offers. The breakdowns didn't go out until a week or 10 days before the episode started shooting, so you have one shot, basically, and if they say no then you're scrambling. And if you scramble too much, then you're going to run into a Visa issue bringing in an American actor to Canada. And as a result, you cast locally and a part that could've been really great, you end up whittling down to very little on the show, which is an unfortunate side effect. I don't know how we get around this, how we could do this better next time, but it's unfortunate that it happened this way.

Your character's had three sons throughout all of Falling Skies, and now there's a new addition. What have you learned about parenting during an alien apocalypse?
There's always a threat. We could all be attacked at any moment. Their own longing to be autonomous and independent is going to foster this real push-pull ambivalence about how to parent them. In the beginning it was all about giving his youngest son some semblance of a childhood in the context of this horrible situation. And then at the end of the second season and the beginning of the third, his new philosophy is that the kindest, most responsible parenting philosophy he can espouse is to arm his kids and train his kids and hope that they can defend themselves, and then maybe their kids will have the childhood that they were robbed of — that he's doing them a disservice by trying to shield them from any of these horrible realities.

Noah Wyle stars in Falling Skies, which is back for a third season. GETTY IMAGES

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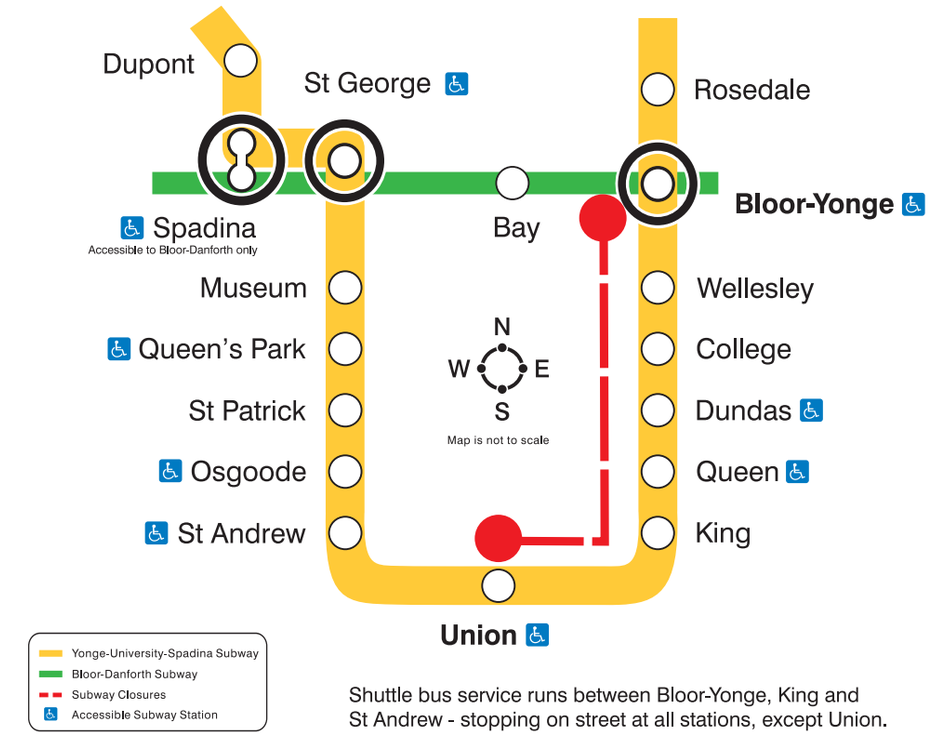

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Paris Jackson hospitalized after possible suicide attempt

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Being 15 is hard. Being 15 when you don't have a father, your mother was pretty much bought solely for her uterus, your family legacy is complicated (to say the least) and you are extremely wealthy must be almost unbearable. So I feel for Paris Jackson, I really do. The 15-year-old daughter of Michael Jackson was hospitalized early Wednesday morning in what is being described as a "possible suicide attempt." Reports flew around the Internet yesterday that the attempt was either carried through via drug overdoes or cuts to her wrist after being removed via stretcher from her Calabasas, Calif., family house she shares with her legal co-guardian Katherine Jackson. TMZ.com reports that the teen was upset about not being able to go to a June

6 Marilyn Manson concert. Sadly, her Twitter page has been filled with depressive tweets as of late. The most recent one is: "yesterday, all my troubles seemed so far away now it looks as though they're here to stay."

Playboy offer seems to be a tempting Tweet for Bynes?

The repercussions of Amanda Bynes' erratic behaviour aren't all bad, apparently, as the troubled former child star has been invited by Playboy Radio to co-host its afternoon show for a day. The folks behind the offer were smart enough to reach out to Bynes via her preferred communication medium, Twitter, and she's apparently open to the idea, as she re-tweeted their offer.

Amanda Bynes ALL IMAGES GETTY

Will Smith and Jada Pinkett Smith

Jada says she'd never abandon hubby Will once the kids are alright

While she and husband Will Smith have battled their share of breakup rumours in the past year, Jada Pinkett Smith is standing by her man. "What is the one thing that Will could do to make me not love him? That would make me abandon him? I can't think of one, I'm sorry," she tells Redbook magazine. "Except if he did something bad to the kids — now we've got a problem."

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Tika on:

Her beauty takeaways from Gossip Girl and Sparkle

"Gossip Girl was a very clean show. They didn't do heavy makeup. But the movie Sparkle introduced me to '60s makeup, which I'm now obsessed with. If you're going to line my eyes, it now has to be the blackest liner possible."

Her favourite DIY beauty elixirs:

"At night, I take a washrag, add a pump of coconut oil and remove my makeup with hot water. Then I wash my face with the Murad AHA/BHA Exfoliating Cleanser (murad.com) and moisturize with a dab of Keri lotion. I do the same in the morning, minus the oil."

Her go-to complexion fixer:

"I'm pretty religious with my skin care. But sometimes, I come home and I'm like, 'I don't care!' And when I wake up, my pillow is covered in makeup and I can hear my pores screaming. To fix things, I'll apply the Queen Helene Mint Julep Masque (queenhelene.com). It shrinks your pores and dries up pimples."

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The Kit

Canadian street style

Spotted in: Toronto

Ana

Actress and shop girl at Bicyclette Boutique

Age: 27

What she's wearing
Bicyclette skirt and tank top, Forever21 denim vest, H&M sunglasses, Lauren Elan bracelets, Hoakon Helga purse, and leather sandals from Croatia.

Her inspiration
I'm inspired by the stylish girls I work with, they are always updating me on the trends! My go-to style blogs are: Sincerely Jules, The Blonde Salad and Refuses to Label. I'm also a huge vintage collector and lover, the '60s boho vibe is always a staple for me!

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Cream-heavy Pasta Primavera slims down for the summer

This recipe serves six. It contains 390 calories and seven grams of fat per serving. MARK SHAPIRO, FROM ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE)

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This is my light version of Pasta Primavera, which is usually made with a heavy cream sauce loaded with calories and fat.

1. Cook pasta in boiling water according to package instructions or until firm to the bite. Just before the pasta is cooked, add the broccoli, snow peas, red peppers and green peas to the boiling water, and cook for 2 minutes. Drain and place in serving bowl. Add tomatoes, basil, parsley and cheese.

2. Meanwhile, make the sauce: In nonstick saucepan, melt margarine; add flour and cook for 1 minute, stirring constantly. Slowly add milk, stock, garlic, and salt and pepper; stir constantly until sauce slightly thickens, approximately 4 minutes. Add 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese until melted. Remove from heat. Add to pasta, garnish with 1/3 cup grated Parmesan and toss well. ROSE REISMAN BRINGS HOME LIGHT PASTA (ROBERT ROSE) BY ROSE REISMAN

Ingredients

- 12 oz linguine
- 1 1/2 cups chopped broccoli
- 1 1/2 cups chopped snow peas
- 1 cup sliced red peppers
- 1 cup frozen green peas
- 1 2/3 cups chopped tomatoes
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Sauce

- 1 tbsp margarine or butter
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 1/4 cups chicken stock
- 1 1/2 tsp crushed garlic
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

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Cook with Vikram Vij and Metro

Metro and Vikram Vij are teaming up once again to give readers on opportunity to cook along with the renowned chef during a live webstream tonight at 9 ET/6 PT at metronews.ca/vijcooklive. Don't have your ingredients yet? Go to metronews.ca to download a shopping list so you can hit the store on your way home. You can also get a copy of the recipe so you can follow along as Vij cooks live. You will also be able to tweet him at #VijCookLive. METRO

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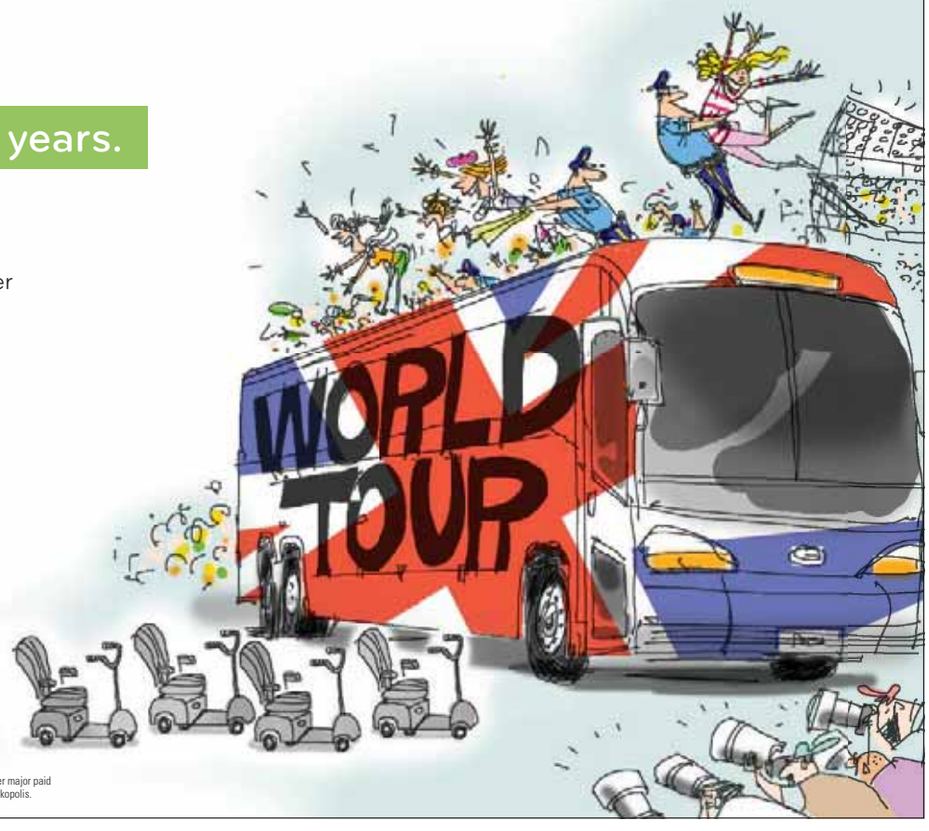

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DREAM COME TRUE

CANADA PHILIPPINE FASHION WEEK DEBUTS WITH STYLE, HEART

With more than 800,000 Filipinos in Canada alone, it came as no surprise that the world's first Canada Philippine Fashion Week would take place in multicultural Toronto.

Backed by PLDT, a telecommunications giant in the Philippines, the inaugural event will take place June 10-15 at iconic venues across the city, and will showcase new collections by both established and emerging Philippine and Canadian designers.

"Canada Philippine Fashion Week is a dream come true for me," says Jeff Rustia, executive director and founder of CPFW. "It is a wonderful platform to showcase the talent and creativity of the Filipinos, and to market the breathtaking fashions of Philippine designers.

"The event itself is in aid of Kol Hope Foundation for Children — to help children with disabilities around the world."

PLDT Canada Philippine Fashion Week is expected to draw thousands of people over six days with runway shows, exhibits, films and parties. It begins June 10 with an opening night party hosted by Lexus Downtown and the unveiling of Kapisanan's VINTA Filipiniana collection.

The second evening will present Fashion With A Heart at The Thompson Hotel, featuring the launch of the Ramp Diva supermodel book and exhibit, alongside the Kol Hope Fund at World Vision. A dinner of couture cuisine and cocktails will be catered at Max's of Manila on June 13.

The buyer's cocktail reception at GOTSTYLE in the Distillery District on June 15 will be an opportunity for Philippine and Canadian fashion industry notables to meet and mingle.

The official schedule also includes two ticketed main events like An Evening with Jose Rizal Fashion + Film + Exhibit on June 12 at TIFF Bell Lightbox, featuring the world premiere screening of Jose Rizal: The First Hero, Fashion Statement of Jose Rizal exhibit, and John Ablaza's Rizalian-inspired fashion show.

The much-anticipated Philippine Fashion's Biggest Night is June 14 at Roy Thomson Hall with a first glimpse at the new collections from top designers in the Philippines and Canada.

Tickets are available online at canadaphilippinefashionweek.com.

PLDT Canada Philippine Fashion Week is presented by Philippine Airlines, Shangri-La Toronto, Lexus Downtown, GMA International, Scotiabank, Kevin Murphy, Max's of Manila and San Miguel.

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ONCE UPON A KOL HOPE

Did you know that more than 180,000 children in Canada are born with a disability, many of which are chromosomal related?

Kol Hope Foundation for Children (kolhope.com) is a charitable organization — and the first of its kind — that provides support to children born with chromosomal-related disabilities around the world. Since its establishment in 2002, Kol Hope has helped children with disabilities lead a better life.

Kol Hope Foundation for Children was inspired by a Filipino-Canadian boy named Kol, who was born with Trisomy 13 (also called Patau syndrome), a chromosomal condition associated with severe intellectual and physical disabilities in the body. Kol was diagnosed to live for only three months, but against all odds, he lived for 14 years with life support, g-tube feeding, and 24-hour nursing care.

He passed away Oct. 9, 2011, and has left behind an incredible legacy of love, courage and hope. He continues to inspire Kol Hope Foundation for Children as the beneficiary of the first-ever Canada Philippine Fashion Week.

"We are very honoured and touched to have the loving support of Canada Philippine Fashion Week and everyone involved," says Melinda Rustia, President of Kol Hope Foundation for Children. "This event will assist us in our mission to help and support children in Canada and the Philippines. We are extremely grateful and waiting with bated breath for this pioneering event."

The organization will serve as the beneficiary of the inaugural launch of CPFW. It also celebrates Philippine Independence Day June 12, and is proudly presented by internationally renowned sponsors.

CELEBRATE PHILIPPINE FASHION'S BIGGEST NIGHT JUNE 14

Already named the most profiled, international Filipino event to be ever held in Canada, Canada Philippine Fashion Week's main gala presentation will take place June 14 at Roy Thomson Hall.

Philippine and Canadian designers and supermodels will all hit the runway for a great cause. The fashion show will feature the latest from John Ablaza, Francis Libiran, Noel Crisostomo, Roland Alzate, Leonard Co, Amina Aranaz, Norman Noriega, Brian Maristela, Jon De Porter and many more.

Among its many highlights are Francis Libirans's 100 Dress Collection, T'boli and Mangyan Tribes exhibits, and Pistahan de Couture presentation.

The evening's festivities will also launch Project Terno, showcasing one-of-a-kind creations from David Dixon, Pedram Karimi, and Nick Carter with their Canadian spin on the terno; Filipino butterfly-sleeved dress.

Philippine Fashion's Biggest Night promises to be a spectacular evening of Filipino couture, style, beauty, art, entertainment and cuisine. For tickets, visit canadaphilippinefashionweek.com/box-office.

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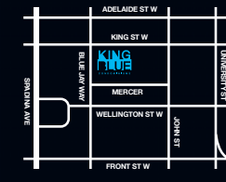

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Condominium office units popping up across Toronto

Combo space. The condo office has already made a big splash in New York, Hong Kong and in Europe

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Toronto is starting to see the emergence of condominium offices. It's a great concept that hasn't really taken off in Canada until recently.

A business owner buys their office unit, much the same way as a residential condo purchase. Basically, it's an alternative to leasing for the smaller entrepreneur wanting more control over their environment.

In what promises to be the next big thing in Toronto real estate, condo offices have been springing up across town recently. They generally consist of a multi-use complex of buildings that combine residential, retail and commercial space.

One such example is the impressive Hullmark Centre strategically located at Yonge and Sheppard. A joint venture of Tridel and Hullmark, this sprawling complex consists of up to 1,000,000 square feet of development.

It consists of two residential towers with 682 suites, 237 condo office units and a retail base with separate commercial and residential underground parking garages.

The ownership model has many advantages. It builds equity in your company and affords more control over your business environment not found in leases with restrictive clauses and the uncertainty of fluctuating costs.

"The whole thing was to present it as a very prestigious office space, and to allow the business owner to own and control his premises much more in terms of their needs than, say, if they were a tenant with a landlord," says Jim Ritchie, Tridel's VP of Marketing.

The concept lends itself to smaller, entrepreneurial businesses. Hullmark will be the new home to a whole range of organizations such as doctors, dentists, accountants and engineers, says Ritchie.

"Clearly it's not appealing to the large, typical tenants that you would see in those office spaces in the core of the city. We found that our buyers for the most part are entrepreneurial. In all likelihood they're coming out of a rental scenario today, and want to be able to deal with their own destiny long-term."

And tucked away on an eclectic little downtown street in the heart of Bloor-Yorkville is 7 St. Thomas, the ultimate in downtown luxury office condos.

The new 93,000 square-foot complex is located across from the quaint Windsor Arms Hotel, and aims to masterfully combine six restored and modernized Victorian townhouses with a new contemporary fritted glass tower designed by award-winning architect Hariri Pontarini.

The Hullmark Centre at Yonge and Sheppard will consist of 682 suites, 237 condo office units and a retail base with underground parking. SUBMITTED

Legal Matters

First-timer pitfalls

We are first-time homebuyers and would like to ask you for some legal issues that we should be aware of when looking for our new home?

LEGAL MATTERS
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Depending on the market that you are in, there are a variety of legal issues you should be aware of. Let's assume you are in one of Canada's relatively buoyant urban markets where there is a lot of competition for limited inventory.

1. Many first time buyers get caught up in the race for property. Once they have made the decision to purchase, they end up in a bidding war. You need to be able to step back and examine your position because often times, you are being prompted to offer on a house without the appropriate conditions: such as financing. Even if you are pre-approved, the financial institution still has the right to appraise the property and if you have severely overpaid for the property, you may not have enough money to complete the transaction.

2. Home inspection is an extremely important condition; especially for older homes. You cannot legally rely on reports produced in advance that state the house is free of all problems because the inspector was hired by the vendor, not by you. Often times, you may feel pressured by others to put in an offer without home inspection. You are just asking for trouble even if the property is a new build.

3. Making sure you are getting what you contracted for is also important. Sometimes the vendor has over stated the dimensions of the property. This may be no fault of theirs but based upon what they thought. It is always good to ask for a survey of the property, if available, so that you can compare the listing, the offer and the survey.

There are numerous other factors that you need to be aware of when looking for your first home. One of those is selecting a good lawyer to represent you. More to come next week.

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- **Builder.** Cresford Developments
- **Location.** 50 Charles St. E.
- **Website.** casacondominium.com
- **Pricing.** From $239,900 to more than $500,000

The project overview

This is downtown living, near Yonge and Bloor. Casa III will be 608 units in a 56-storey tower designed by Peter Clewes of architectsAlliance. The $3.8 million street revitalization program will turn this strip of Yorkville into a chic and bustling promenade.

Location and transit

In the epicentre of downtown, you're close to everything. The Yonge subway is within walking distance and the nearby Don Valley Pkwy. gets you where you're going. There are lots of downtown bicycle lanes. You can be in the downtown core within minutes.

In the neighbourhood

Casa III is just steps away from myriad art, fashion, style and cuisine destinations, like the Royal Ontario Museum and the Art Gallery of Ontario. Residents will enjoy world-class shopping and dining at Yonge and Bloor.

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Rooftop Surfing

A learning experience

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Working for the building and development industry for more than 30 years has taught me a very valuable lesson: never stop learning. This is exactly why members of our association regularly schedule housing tours to various parts of the world to learn from the successes of other growing communities in different provinces, countries and continents.

Earlier this spring, my colleagues and I headed to Copenhagen, Denmark — a densely-populated city that enjoys a growing population, strong bike culture (36 per cent of its citizens ride to work) and a variety of interesting, diverse architecture and design. In fact, it is considered one of the world's most environmentally-friendly cities (aiming to become the world's most sustainable by 2030) and politicians, planners, architects and designers often cite Copenhagen as a model of good city building.

For me, the highlight of the trip was seeing a variety of mid-rise buildings used to transform former industrial and Greenfield areas into thriving new neighbourhoods. This was echoed in the nearby Swedish city of Malmo, which featured different examples of safe and environmentally efficient multi-storey woodframe buildings.

This was great to see as it further supported our call for the provincial government to change the Ontario Building Code to allow construction of woodframe buildings up to six storeys. Under the current rules, wood frame construction is limited to four storeys. This was outlined in a recent report titled Unlocking the Potential for Mid-rise Buildings: Six Storey Wood Structures.

Similar changes have already been made in British Columbia, with very positive results. Now using Denmark and Sweden to further enhance our knowledge, we hope to work with our partners in government to create a "made in Ontario" solution with hopes to build safe, affordable spaces for the 100,000 people that choose to call the GTA home.

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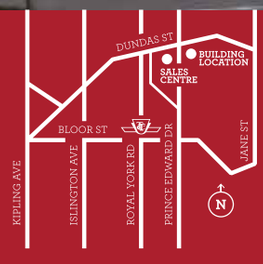

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Decorating trends for the cool kids

In a few weeks school will be ending for many elementary school children. With a week or two lagging before summer camp, it's a great time to get them organizing and sprucing up their bedrooms. Online shopping is easier than ever, so maybe it's time to let the kids be creative and do a little shopping for ways to 'trend-up' their room; of course you will want to keep your credit card number a secret! Here's a few smart decor items to create an on-trend wonderland.

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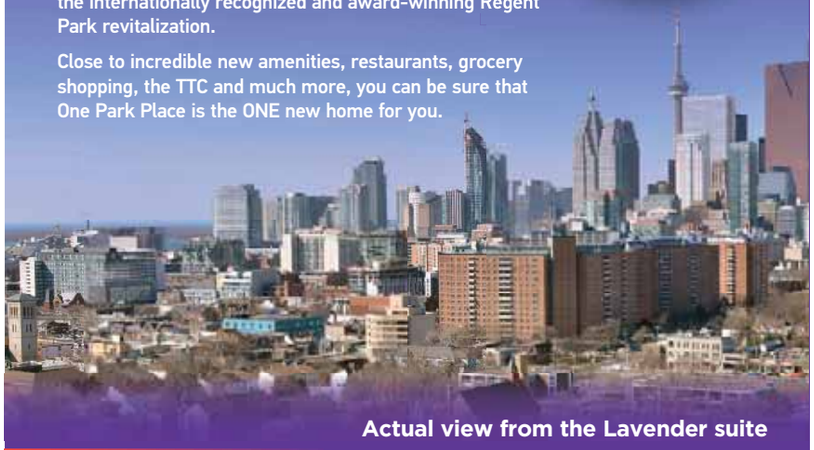

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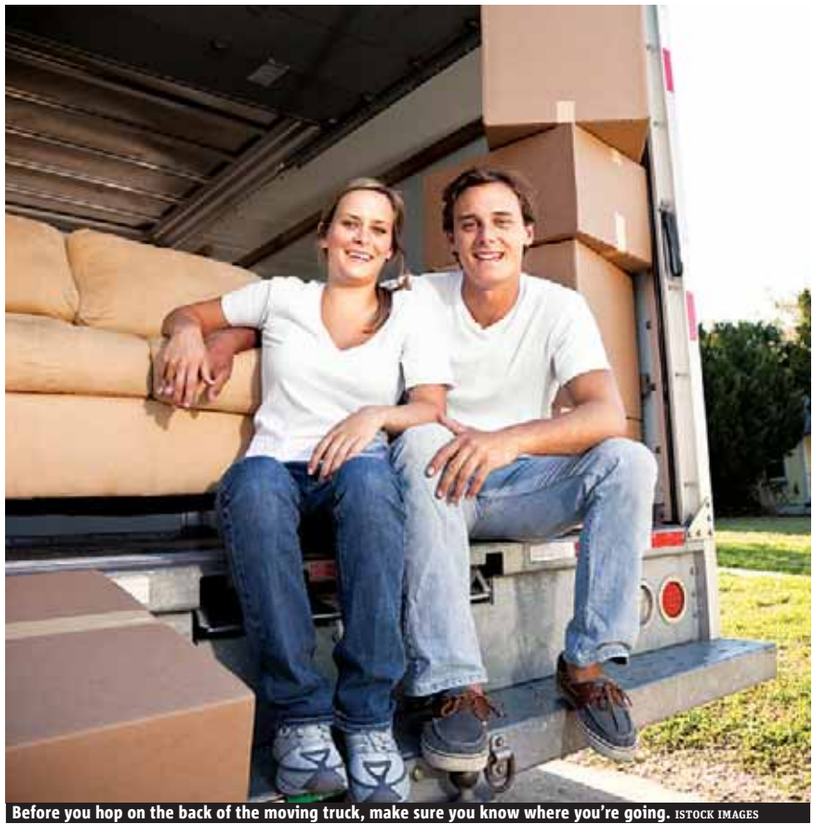

Before you hop on the back of the moving truck, make sure you know where you're going. ISTOCK IMAGES

Sure, there's a school, but where's the Whole Foods?

Relocation. Jason Abrams, real estate to pro-athletes, shares 10 tips to help you find your way

Scoring The Deal follows Jason Abrams, the Jerry Maguire of real estate, as he helps pro-athletes buy and sell homes worth millions of dollars.

Whereas most agents work in a specific area, Jason specializes in any city with a pro stadium, often working on a deadline of only a few days after an athlete is traded.

Crime Doesn't Pay
It is important to check the crime rates (especially the violent crimes) in the areas you are thinking of relocating to. Homes located within areas with high crime rates ALWAYS have the potential to lose value quickly.

Shop until you drop
Make sure to check out the proximity to your favourite stores before you move. If you love Whole Foods, best not to move to a city that doesn't have one.

Be there in time
Let's face it, unless you are Scrooge McDuck and swimming in gold coins you will be commuting to work every day. Make sure that you will not be spending hours upon hours driving to and from work.

School is cool
If you have kids, make sure you check out the latest school rankings.

Walk-ability
How walkable is your new city? Studies show that prices appreciate more in walkable cities.

Mile high club
Airports are important if you travel for work or vacation multiple times a year. It's nice to be close, but not too close.

Emergency on aisle 5
Proximity to a hospital is crucial. Let's hope you never need to go, but if you do, you best know how to get there.

We like a southwest feel
Get to know the local home style before you arrive. If you like adobe-style southwest homes, move to Arizona not Ontario.

Opera anyone?
The arts are important — opera, theatre, music — but let's face it, what we really mean here is how far is the closest hockey arena?

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Blue Jays starter R.A. Dickey cracks a double to cash in Toronto's first run in a 4-0 win over San Francisco on Wednesday. MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A most interesting interleague outcome

Staying thirsty. Jays starter Dickey sparks offence, pitches 8-plus innings of two-hit ball in San Francisco

On Wednesday

Blue Jays	Giants
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With his knuckleball dancing, R.A. Dickey once again looked like the Cy Young Award winner the Toronto Blue Jays acquired in the off-season.

Dickey allowed two hits in 8 1/3 innings and sparked a four-run fifth with an RBI double, leading Toronto to a 4-0 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday.

"He was just about perfect today," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "He had it all going on. He was in the strike zone. Everything was really dancing today.... That's him at his best right there."

Mark DeRosa added a two-run single and Adam Lind had three hits for his eighth multi-hit performance in the past 12 games, helping the Blue Jays earn a split of the two-game series.

Barry Zito (4-4) was done in by the one big inning in his first loss at home since last August.

Dickey (5-7) bounced back from a pair of starts in which he allowed six runs each to Baltimore and Atlanta while the back and neck problems that contributed to his slow start in Toronto seem to be in the past.

He was able to change speeds with his knuckler and throw it for strikes all game.

"I was changing speeds a lot today, which was good," Dickey said. "I was able to throw a 63, 64 miles per hour one for a strike and I was able to throw a 79 miles per hour one for a strike. As I've gotten healthier, I felt like I've been able to have the latitude to be able to do that. Before it was just trying to muster everything I could to survive an outing."

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Biogenesis clinic

Massive MLB PED probe underway

Major League Baseball is interviewing players linked to a Miami anti-aging clinic that allegedly sold performance-enhancing drugs and has become the focus of the sport's investigation.

Clinic founder Anthony Bosch has agreed to talk with MLB, according to reports, and union head Michael Weiner said Wednesday that "no decisions regarding discipline have been made or will be made until those interviews are completed."

Alex Rodriguez, Ryan Braun, Nelson Cruz, Toronto's Melky Cabrera and Bartolo Colon are among a dozen or so whose names have been tied to the now-closed Biogenesis of America clinic. Cabrera served a 50-game ban after testing positive for testosterone last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Keith suspended for Game 4 in L.A. after high stick

If the Chicago Blackhawks are going to end the Los Angeles Kings' perfect post-season on home ice in Game 4 of the Western Conference final, they'll have to do it without their top defenceman.

Duncan Keith will sit out Thursday under a one-game suspension for high-sticking Los Angeles' Jeff Carter. Keith hit Carter with a one-handed blow in the second period of the Kings' 3-1 win in Game 3, opening a 20-stitch gash on the forward's face and cracking three of his teeth.

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Payback's a wish for MVP in finals against the Spurs

NBA playoffs. James hasn't forgotten sweep at the hands of San Antonio in 2007

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Before reaching the top of basketball, LeBron James was run over by the San Antonio Spurs.

The Spurs swept James' Cleveland Cavaliers in the 2007 NBA finals, so long ago that the winning game plan focused on exploiting James' weaknesses. Those are nearly impossible to find now, and James essentially warned the Spurs that they shouldn't bother looking.

The Spurs already know.

"He'll be a lot more of a problem than he was in '07, that's for sure," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said Wednesday.

Tim Duncan told the beaten James minutes after that series that the league would someday belong to him, and he was right. The NBA's MVP guided Miami to last year's championship and the league's best record this season.

Now the Spurs will try to take it back.

But James is now the best player in the game, is surrounded by more talent in Miami than he ever had in Cleveland, and still carries the memory of the beating the Spurs laid on him six years ago.

"I have something in me that they took in '07. Beat us on our home floor, celebrated on our home floor. I won't forget that. You shouldn't as a competitor. You should never forget that," James said.

He joined the Heat in 2010, experienced more finals failure a year later, then was finals MVP last year when Miami beat Oklahoma City in five games. Another title now would put him halfway to the four that Duncan and Popovich have won together.

"That's what I'm here for," James said. "I'm here to win championships, and you're not always going to be on the successful side. I've seen it twice, not being on the successful side."

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French Open

Sharapova makes up for poor start

Maria Sharapova shrugged off losing the first six games and swept the last four to reach the French Open semifinals.

The defending champion overcame a miserable start in the quarterfinals Wednesday to beat Jelena Jankovic, 0-6, 6-4, 6-3. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

House of Commons

Bill legalizing MMA passes

The House of Commons has passed a bill legalizing contact sports such as mixed martial arts.

The legislation, which originated in the Senate, takes certain fighting sports, including taekwondo and karate, as well as MMA, out of legal limbo.

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Title fight Grant-ed

"I know I've got my work cut out for me.... He's dangerous in all kinds of areas."

Cole Harbour, N.S., native T.J. Grant on UFC lightweight champion Benson Henderson. The UFC officially announced on Wednesday that Grant will get his title fight against Henderson at UFC 164 on Aug. 31.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Someone will call on you to mediate a dispute today and while you would prefer not to get involved, you can't really say no. Look at the facts and deliver your verdict — then get out of the way fast.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It may be tempting to get angry with someone who brings you bad news but it's not their fault — and won't solve a thing. Besides, if you are honest, you'll admit part of the blame rests with you.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Cosmic activity in and around your birth sign may make all things possible but you still need to select your aims with care. Even a Gemini has only a fixed amount of time and energy to invest. Use it wisely.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
For some reason, you appear to believe that if you don't act immediately you will miss out. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, you should drag your feet a little.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
If you try to please too many people, you will end up pleasing no one. You can't do favours for everyone but you can do favours for those who count the most — or whose need is most urgent.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
A plan close to your heart is coming together and you are almost ready to announce it to the world. Don't be too hasty. Make sure it's foolproof.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't read into what others say today. Most likely they are talking about things they know nothing about. Trust your instincts, even when they lead you in a different direction than everyone else.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Put the past behind you and move on with a smile. Whatever mistakes you may have made mean nothing now, so why make a big issue of them? Life is a learning experience, with lots of loving.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Never mind what others expect of you, what do you expect of yourself? That question is important but never more so than now as the approaching new moon maximizes your options. Identify your goals.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You may not be the sort to back out of a fight but you are smart enough not to start one when you know you can't win. Someone you work with may be a drag but they also have all the power, so be nice.

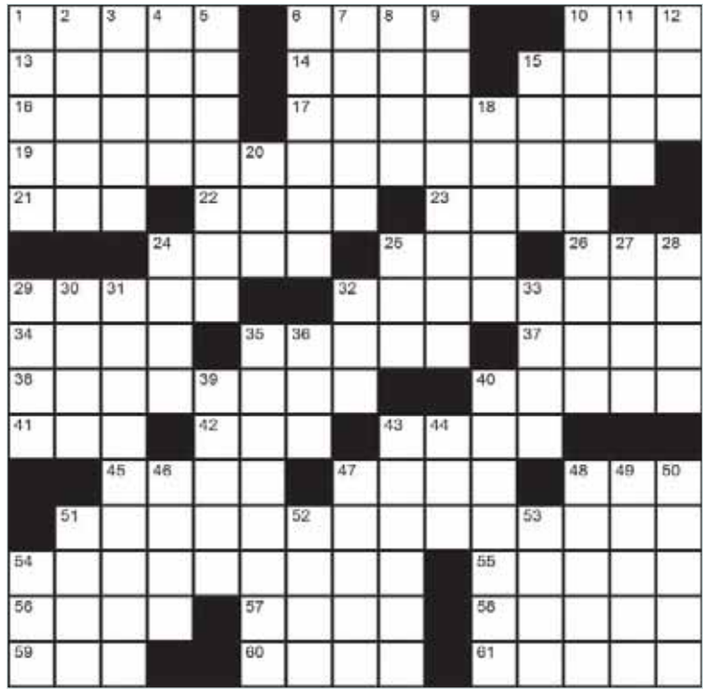
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Tempers may get a bit frayed today but looking back you may wonder what all the fuss was about. Still, it's always good to get bad feelings out in the open.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Pay attention to a colleague's personal needs today because their interests and your interests are more closely connected than you might imagine. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

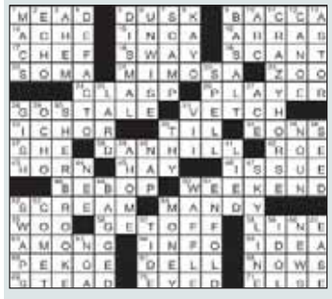
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Bard's below
6. Carlos __ (Spanish tennis player)
10. __-mo replay
13. Bonus
14. Mischa of "My Man Godfrey" (1936)
15. "Take __ __ face value."
16. Measuring stick
17. Rolled-around breaktime sight at work: 2 wds.
19. JUNE 6TH, 1944: Juno, Gold, Sword, Omaha and Utah: 2 wds.
21. Progressive rock band
22. Ye's follower
23. "To Live and Die __ _ _" (1985)
24. Russian assembly
25. Trellis plant
26. Dove's murmur
29. Batman abode, Wayne __
32. Escape from prison: 2 wds.
34. Camaro model, __-Z
35. Attempts
37. Against
38. Tidy or groom: 2 wds.
40. Category
41. Fitness system, __ Bo
42. Mil. command posts
43. Eminem movie, "8 __" (2002)
45. Shirley Ann __ (Pulitzer-winning writer)
47. Drive a bike
48. Potpie morsel
51. Meal time-savers: 2 wds.
54. "__ in Seattle" (1993)
55. Annuls
56. Camping beds
57. Have _ __ to pick
58. Mr. Coombs of "Mr. Dressup"
59. "__ showtime!"
60. Lacking
61. Adjust, as an alarm clock

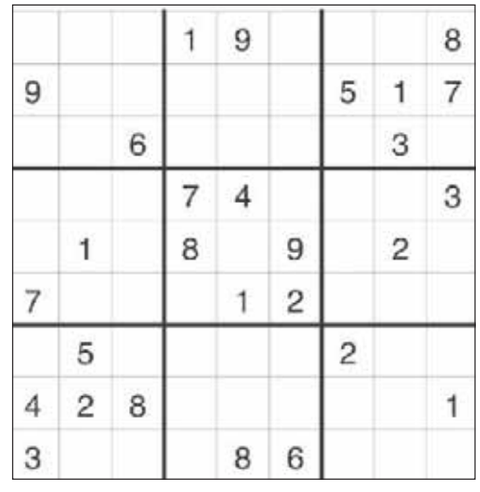
Down
1. Broken-eyeglasses-with-tape characteristic
2. Give off, as confidence
3. Maps book
4. Deuce-ace
5. Halifax __
6. Ancient fortress atop a plateau of Israel
7. Unit of weight
8. Casual affirmative
9. In Ottawa: Library and __ Canada
10. Quebec City, when it was an Iroquoian village
11. Metallica drummer Mr. Ulrich
12. Baseball great Mel
15. Suffix with 'Poet'
18. Where Nairobi is the capital
20. Tree type
24. TV show genre, __-drama
25. Choler
27. Baseball stats
28. "Willie and the Hand Jive" by Johnny __
29. Maid of the __ (Boat ride at Niagara Falls)
30. Harp, in Italy
31. Tom Cochrane tune: 2 wds.
32. Marcel Marceau's clown
33. Leafy veggie
35. Agave beverages
36. Toys "_" __ (Chain store)
39. Victor
40. The __ Family, as on TV classic "Leave It to Beaver"
43. Central spots
44. Partners to egos
46. Roger who played Robin Colcord on "Cheers"
47. Myrrh, for example
48. Inflictions
49. Moviedom's Mr. Murphy
50. Strong point
51. Conspiracy
52. "__: Warrior Princess"
53. Handed-down history
54. __-Fi

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

8	3	7	4	5	1	2	6	9
1	4	6	9	2	3	5	8	7
2	9	5	6	7	8	3	1	4
7	6	9	8	3	2	4	5	1
3	8	1	5	4	9	6	7	2
5	2	4	1	6	7	8	9	3
6	1	3	7	8	4	9	2	5
9	5	2	3	1	6	7	4	8
4	7	8	2	9	5	1	3	6

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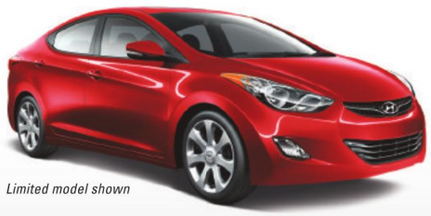

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CITY: **8.7**L/100 KM▼

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HWY: **7.7**L/100 KM
CITY: **10.4**L/100 KM▼

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HWY: **6.7**L/100 KM
CITY: **10.1**L/100 KM▼

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